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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, EMBOFF DISCUSSED GA AGENDA ITEMS CITED REFTELS WITH FONOFF TECHNICAL AMBASSADOR PACHEOC. THE AMBASSADOR, WHO IS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SHAPING MANY OF DOMINICAN POSITIONS AT UN, MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS (WHICH ARE KEYED TO REFTELS):

A. SOUTHERN AFRICA. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESENT TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA IS MOST NECESSARY AND POSITIVE. DOMINICANS WILL SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVES HE MIGHT MAKE.

B. ZIONISM-RACISM. DOMINICANS 100PERCENT BEHIND ISRAEL. ANY EQUATION OF ZIONISM AND RACISM IS UNACCEPTABLE TO GODR.

C. CYPRUS. THIS CONFLICT SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

D. WESTERN SAHARA. LIKE CYPRUS, THIS ITEM DOES NOT DIRECTLY, OR EVEN INDIRECTLY, INVOLVE THE DR, BUT GENERAL DOMINICAN LINE IS TO CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ON ALL QUESTIONS WHERE CONFLICTS MIGHT ARISE.

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E. UNRWA FINANCING. GODR IS SUFFERING SERIOUS FINANCIAL

PRESSURES. THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE INCREASED.

F. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. THE GODR HAS NO POSITION ON THIS ITEM BUT AGREES WITH THE US THAT NO COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES CAN LIMIT RIGHTS OF PASSAGE ON THE HIGH SEAS.

G. HUMAN RIGHTS. DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES MAJOR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES MOST CONSISTENT VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. UNTIL THEY ARE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT, IT UNLIKELY THAT SMALLER COUNTRIES WILL BE WILLING TO EFFECTIVELY GUARANTEE HUMAN RIGHTS. HOWEVER, GODR FAVORS GREATER GUARANTEES.

H. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. THIS ITEM WILL BE ONE OF GODR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS AT GA. DOMINICANS WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER MEASURES US OR OTHERS (INCLUDING FRG) MIGHT PROPOSE TO LIMIT TERRORISM.

I. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. GODR WOULD PREFER CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN FORUMS OTHER THAN UN; I.E., MUTUAL BALANCED-FORCE REDUCTIONS AND US-SOVIET BILATERALS.

J. UNCTAD IV COMMODITIES. SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED TO PROTECT SUGAR PRICES, ON WHICH DOMINICAN ECONOMY DEPENDS. CONVERSATIONS ON OTHER RAW MATERIALS INTEREST GODR, BUT TO A FAR LESSER DEGREE. DOMINICANS WILL TAKE NO STRONG STAND ON COMMON FUND.

K. UN BUDGET. GODR OPPOSES ADD-ONS AND WILL SUPPORT US.

L. UN RESTRUCTURING. THIS VERY TOUCHY SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH GODR FULLY SUPPORTS MOVE TO RATIONALIZE UN, THERE IS EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS IS A PANDORA'S BOX WHICH ONCE OPENED WILL LEAD TO UNTENABLE DEMANDS SUCH AS RESTRICTION OF VETO IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

M. EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM. MANDATE OF JIU SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

2. KEY POLITICAL ISSUES: KOREA. DR IS CO-SPONSOR OF FREINDLY RESOLUTION.

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3. OVERALL ASSESSMENT. GODR EXPECTED CLOSELY FOLLOW US LEAD ON ALMOST ALL AGENDA ITEMS.
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